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COUNTY EXECUTIVE RELEASES DETAILS ON PARKS BUDGET

Milwaukee – County Executive Scott Walker today released details on his 2008 budget for the Parks.

Among the highlights, Walker adds funding to keep Community Centers open, constructs three new splash pads and the Lincoln Park Family Aquatic Center, and outlines improvements at playgrounds, golf courses, and on parkways, park drives, and parkway bridges.

In addition to the capital improvements, Walker is proposing the creation of two seasonal park patrol units to monitor activities in the parks and ensure patron safety, and is appropriating over \$1.1 million in more efficient equipment for park maintenance.

"The parks patrols and the new equipment will not only allow the department to be more efficient, they will also give us more man-hours in the parks to improve safety and the quality of the experience," Walker said. "Shifting to seasonal workers is a win-win: we increase the total number of staff hours May through September, and save the taxpayers \$2.9 million."

County Executive Walker will submit his full budget to the Milwaukee County Board on September 27.

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